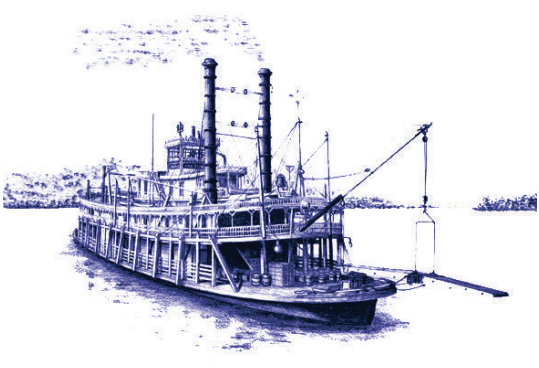




THE MADISON COURIER

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City OKs planning support until director hired

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Board of Public Works and Safety held its last meeting of 2025 Monday by approving on-call planning services, computer replacements and payments on Main Street work.

A contract with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group was approved for up to \$50,000 for on-call planning services.

Amy Williams, principal with Taylor Siefker Williams, has worked with the city on the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), and also worked with Jefferson County on its UDO.

“This is just temporary. We’re excited to have Amy on board to help us when we have questions that need to be answered when

we don’t yet have the knowledge to answer,” said Building Inspector Bryan Shaw. “It will help us also as a transition” for a new planning director. “We’ll have it until we get through the hiring process for the city planner.”

Nicole Schell, who has been the city planner since 2016, recently resigned the position, having accepted a job as executive director of the Boone County Area Plan Commission.

“In the absence of having a staff planner, this contract will allow us to coordinate” with the planning team for on-call staff support, said Mayor Bob Courtney. The contract provides fees with hourly rates with total compensation not to exceed \$50,000.

“This will potentially go effective

to next year, but only if and when we need the services,” Courtney said.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved several payments to All-Star Paving for Main Street work including \$38,691.80 for the mid-block crossing in front of Main Street Comfort Station, \$67,494.67 for the milling, resurfacing and restriping between Broadway and Mulberry streets, and two payments towards the overall Main Street work, one for \$440,359.41 and another for \$21,578.84.
- Director of Streets, Facilities and Solid Waste Chris Hale said temporarily signage is currently in place at the mid-block crossing until the electronic cross signals can be installed.
- Approved \$20,263.21 for six

desktops, seven laptops, eight docks and 13 monitors from Ntiva. Mindy McGee, the city’s director of finance, said existing computers and software are out-dated, and additional equipment will be purchased on next year’s budget.

- McGee warned about spam billing that has surfaced recently, pretending to be from the city but is not. “Information is grabbed and then they produce fake invoices from the city. They even have our seal on them.”

She said the spam always includes ACH fees. “We’re never going to ask you to pay ACH and these always do.” McGee encouraged people to contact the city if they receive an invoice for charges they don’t think they owe.

- Approved three PACE final

awards — \$7,500 each for a rehabilitation grant for 418 East Street from Shelly Murphy Smith and 204 East Street from John and Melanie Harrell. Also approved \$12,500 for 600 West Fifth St., the chapel at Springdale Cemetery.

The chapel had been award a \$25,000 dilapidated structures grant, and had earlier received a \$12,500 midpoint award. Work on the chapel included replacing the front doors, restoring five stained glass windows, cleaning and repairing exterior masonry, installing a sump pump for the basement and leveling the front steps.

“It’s turned out absolutely beautiful,” said Courtney.

- Approved street closings for the Madison Farmers Market through next year.

Wreaths Across America



Quinnin Leffew, of Madison, carries wreaths to lay at the graves at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery during the Wreaths Across America event Saturday. A total 2,100 wreaths were laid at the cemetery — and 3,100 overall in Jefferson County — as part of the Wreaths Across America programs to place holiday wreaths at veterans' graves.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Lilly Canida named 2025 Lilly scholar for Jefferson County



Lillian “Lilly” Canida

The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County has announced Lillian “Lilly” Canida of Madison Consolidated High School as recipient of the 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Jefferson County.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership, and are awarded a full tuition scholarship to the Indiana four-year college or university of their choice.

Lilly plans to major in Business at Butler University and participate in the university’s Pre-Law Advising Program, hoping to pursue a career in Real Estate Law. She is the daughter of Ben and Becky Canida and the

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Cold weather and snow didn't prevent volunteers from showing up to honor veterans during Saturday's Wreaths Across America event at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Wreaths were also placed at Springdale Cemetery and Grandview Memorial Gardens.



Wreaths Across America was held Saturday with a total of 3,100 veterans' graves decorated in Jefferson County including Springdale Cemetery, Grandview Memorial Gardens and the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery (pictured where 2,100 were laid).



Bob Demaree

An open house was held last Wednesday to view proposal and provide feedback on a plan to upgrade sidewalks, streetscapes and parks in Hanover, funded by the College and Community Collaboration (CCC) Grant awarded by Lilly Endowment Inc. to Hanover College. Pictured (from left) are Matthew Gullo of Lockett and Farley architectural firm, Hanover residents Rick Schnebelt and Warren Auxier, and Hanover Superintendent of Streets and Utilities Scott Williams.

Proposed Hanover developments presented at meeting

BY BOB DEMAREE

Local residents had a chance to look at proposed plans for sidewalks, streetscapes and parks in Hanover at Wednesday’s town meeting where details were displayed

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Madison man gets 30 years for dealing lethal drugs

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison man was sentenced to 30 years at the Indiana Department of Correction Wednesday by Jefferson Circuit Judge D.J. Mote after being convicted of Dealing in a Controlled Substance Resulting in Death, a Level 1 Felony.

Mark Anthony Smith, 43, was charged after David Bradley Parks, 38, was found unresponsive on July 21, 2024.

Witnesses and medical personnel were unable to revive Parks. Toxicology later determined Parks' cause of death as fentanyl, xylazine, and para-fluorofentanyl toxicity. Xylazine, described in the toxicology report as a veterinary sedative, is commonly used an adulterant in illegal street drugs, such as fentanyl. Because it is not an opioid, its effects cannot be reversed by Narcan.

Parks had been a resident at the Jefferson House, a transitional home

for individuals in recovery.

Detective Phillip Wimpee of the Madison Police Department was instrumental in uncovering the events leading to the tragedy. Forensic analysis of Parks' phone revealed communication discussing a drug transaction with a contact known as "Smitty" occurring just prior to Parks' death. "Smitty" was identified as Smith.

In the July 21 text exchange, Smith confirmed meeting at Parks' location and referenced not having a bag to package the narcotics and alternatively concealed the illegal substances in a card. A basketball card matching the description given by Smith, and containing a powder-like substance, was recovered in Parks' wallet.

The Indiana State Laboratory further confirmed that the substances recovered inside the card contained the same fentanyl and xylazine found in the corner's toxicology report.



Mark Anthony Smith

The connecting evidence led investigators to the strong conclusion that the drugs Smith sold on July 21, 2024, were the same drugs that caused Parks' death.

A warrant was issued for Smith's arrest, and he was apprehended during a traffic stop in Jeffersonville, Indiana. During the traffic stop, Smith admitted to law enforcement that he had sold fentanyl to three (3) people and methamphetamine to a couple hundred people in his lifetime.

Recovered during the traffic stop were large quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl. Subsequently, Smith was charged in Clark County, with multiple counts of dealing and possession of methamphetamine and narcotic drugs. Smith's charges in Clark County are still pending.

"When individuals sell fentanyl and other illegal substances, it is a decision to gamble with other people's lives. The outcome seen in this case, the loss of David Parks, is the heartbreaking reality," said

Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter.

During the sentencing hearing, a member of Parks' family delivered an emotional victim impact statement expressing the magnitude of their family's loss, including the irreplaceable loss of a father for his two young children.

Following the victim impact statements Judge Mote remarked "Mr. Parks had value. No matter the circumstances as to how he came into contact with Smith, he had value."

Sutter said the case "exhibits why strict sentences are imposed on individuals who deal deadly narcotics. Sentences such as Smith's imposed by Judge Mote are necessary as the stakes could not be higher."

In addition to Detective Wimpee, assistance was provide by the City Madison Police Department, the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, Norton King's Daughters' Health EMS, the Indiana State Police Laboratory, Deputy Prosecutor Michaelia Gilbert, and the Jeffersonville Police Department.

Madison woman gets 25 years for conspiracy to deal meth

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison woman convicted in Jefferson County Circuit Court on two counts of Conspiracy to Deal Methamphetamine, both Level 2 felonies, was sentenced to 25 years at Indiana Department of Correction Wednesday by Judge D.J. Mote.

"We appreciate the sentence imposed by Judge Mote in this case, as it holds Amber Watson accountable for the seriousness of her conduct and recognizes the tremendous harm drug dealing has on our community" said Prosecutor David Sutter.

The charges arose from an Indiana State Police investigation called "Operation Iceberg." During that investigation, Amber L. Watson, 31, was identified as having an active role in a drug enterprise, by working with Christopher Dorten and other co-conspirators to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine in the local community.

During sentencing, the court took notice of Watson's continuous pattern of criminal conduct leading up to her arrest. Watson was previously convicted of Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony, in March 2024. While incarcerated pending sentencing for the March conviction, Watson facilitated drug transactions from inside the Jefferson County Jail over recorded communications.

Watson connected individuals on the outside to narcotics by relaying instructions and coordinating the drug transactions between co-conspirators.

A petition to revoke Watson's probation was filed in July 2024, citing multiple violations including positive drug screen results for methamphetamine, THC and cocaine. Watson also had other non-compliance occurrences.

Prior to the filing of the revocation, Jefferson County Court Services attempted to assist Watson in her struggles with addiction, by directing her to a total of five different treatment programs and facilities during the span of her probation period, but she was not compliant or successful in completing any of the programs.

Watson also admitted at sentencing, that she additionally lied to court

staff regarding being unable to appear for a civil court date due to being in rehab, as she had previously left the inpatient facility and was at her residence at that time.

Watson's continued disregard for potential consequences for her actions, were taken into consideration by the court following the testimony of Indiana State Police

Detective Mark Jenkins. Jenkins testified that Watson's movements were documented by her court ordered GPS monitor, showing that Watson traveled to Louisville from May to June of 2024 on several different occasions. The investigation identified Christopher Dorten to also have traveled to the same general area on corresponding dates and times to obtain illegal narcotics. Phone records revealed that Watson arranged drug transactions with individuals, accepted cash/payments through a digital payment platform, and facilitated deliveries of the drugs in Jefferson County, Indiana.

"Watson's involvement in the drug enterprise resulted in a large amount of methamphetamine and cocaine being trafficked in Jefferson County," said Sutter. "Her actions enabled others in their drug use and fueled a larger cycle of substance abuse in our community."

Judge Mote determined that aggravating factors in the case significantly outweighed mitigating factors, making Watson an unfit candidate for community release as a suspended sentence would depreciate the seriousness of the crime and Watson's conduct.

"The use of these drugs cause nothing but death and destruction in their wake," said Mote.

"We extend our appreciation to Judge Mote for imposing an appropriate and firm sentence in this case," said Sutter, who also commended the dedicated efforts of Jenkins, ISP Sgt. Adam Bullock, the Indiana State Police Drug Enforcement Section, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Court Services, and Deputy Prosecutor Michaelia Gilbert, "whose commitment to this case was instrumental in bringing it to a successful resolution."



Amber L. Watson

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS. Dec. 11, 2025

Drew Curtis Ray Wilson, 28, Madison, to serve time on a court-ordered sentence for misdemeanor probation violation. No bond.

Dec. 12, 2025

Brick Evan Boldery, 26, for Trafficking With An Inmate, a Level 5 felony; Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony; Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Dalton Cain Hayes, 23, Milton, Kentucky, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$2,500 cash.

Dec. 14, 2025

Steven Joseph Dale Snell, 28, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (In timidation, Domestic Battery). Bond \$5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS Dec. 12, 2025

Jose Alberto Florez-Alvares, 24, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated and Operating a Vehicle without Ever Receiving a Valid License, both misdemeanors. Sentenced to 60 days in the Jefferson County Jail on each count, concurrent, fully executed, with credit for 8 days jail served plus \$389.50 in fees and court cost. Defendant's release subject to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY Dec. 12, 2025

Elizabeth M. Hall and Robert L. Hall (deceased) to Elizabeth M. Hall (life estate) and George Steven Hall, 496 Brentwood Manor, Madison.

Randall Joseph Gray, Local C. Hay, Cynthia J. Royalty, Brian R. Gray and Shirley J. Gray (trustees) to Kyle E. Gray and Amy Gray, 5 tracts totaling approximately 166 acres at 12717 West State Road 256, Deputy and 200+ East State Road 3, Lexington.

Norma F. Baxter and Donald A. Baxter (living trust) and William R. Cook (trustee) to Phillip Baxter and Darla Malcomb, 26 parcels at 12824 and 13072 Deputy Pike Road, Deputy; 12750+ West Deputy Pike Road, Deputy; 4195+ North 1225 West, Deputy; 4480+ and 4300+ North State Road 3, Deputy; 8280+ West 425 North, Deputy; 15790 West Henry Road, Deputy; 15101+ West 366 North, Deputy; and 12924 West Deputy Pike Road, Deputy.

Dennis Truesdall and David Anthony Gates (estate) to Randall T. Hardy and Deborah L. Hardy, 7212 West New Bethel Road, Lexington.

Michael T. Cline and Susan E. Cline to Amos S. Steury and Fanny S. Steury, 11966 West Deputy Pike Road, Deputy.

Kelley L. Bliton to Edward Andrew Craig and Bernice Marie Craig (trustees) and Craig Family Trust, 2200 West Deputy Pike Road, Madison.

Hanover Mobile Village Corp. to Phillips Development Inc., 303 Garrison Street, Hanover.

Lilla Miller, Lilla Rees and Lilla Hamilton Rees to Mason Phillips, 3270 North Quail Drive, Madison.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 17

Larry Duke
John Haskell

Dec. 18

Julie Kish-Byrd

Dec. 19

Jak McCormick

Dec. 20

Matt Brawner

Dec. 22

Jeff Ayler

Dec. 24

Luanne McCammon

Dec. 26

Roger Fuhrman

Dec. 27

Rusty Bladen
Terry King

Dec. 28

Betsey Vonderheide

ANNIVERSARIES

None

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:52 a.m.
Sunset: 5:23 p.m.
Temperature: High 29, Low 7, Mean 18.0, Deficit 21.1
Precipitation since last published: .15 (snow)
Precipitation, December 2025: .87
Precipitation, 2025: 55.71

Barometer 30.41, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.23 feet, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 52/Low 37; Thursday: Rain High 58/Low 23; Friday: Partly cloudy High 28/Low 23; Saturday: Partly cloudy High 50/Low 37.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto 12-26-29-32-44-46 (12/13). Estimated Jackpot: \$8.4 million. Next Drawing (12/17)
Cash Five: 1-8-12-26-45 (12/14)
Cash 4 Life: 14-15-16-23-60 CB: 1 (12/14)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 3-5-26-30 CB: 6 (12/14)
Lucky For Life: 8-23-32-33-

34 LB: 15 (12/14)
MEGAMILLIONS: 10-50-55-58-59 MB: 5 (12/12). Next Jackpot: \$80 million. Next Drawing (12/16)
POWERBALL: 1-28-31-57-58 PB: 16, PP 2 (12/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$1.1 billion. Next Drawing (12/15)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 7-11-20-52-60 PB: 24 (12/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (12/15)

PROPOSED

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on boards.

Funding for the projects is coming from the \$30 million College and Community Collaboration grant awarded last year to Hanover College by Lilly Endowment Inc.

The grant funding provides \$3.3 million that will be dedicated to the town's historic corridor that includes Main Street and Madison Avenue, \$4 million for streetscapes and sidewalks and \$2.5 million dedicated for town parks.

On Wednesday, architects hired by the town, Luckett and Farley, presented drawings of potential improvements that includes sidewalks and streetscapes in the historic areas of Hanover along with proposed improvements to Hanover Community Park including more parking, renovated bathrooms and possible expansions and to Fireman's Park.

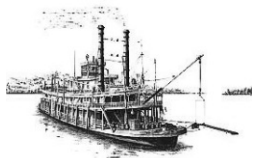
Matthew Gullo of Luckett and Farley said what's been proposed "provides you a direction and opportunity to decide which direction you want to go with the budget associated with it."

Gullo said landscaping has been designed along the sidewalks from the state highway that will extend into the town with alternates depending on funding and what the town council decides. "An alternate will be having some trees and some landscape along those pathways to provide some shade and some beautification, and aesthetics." Gullo said there are also options that include amenities like benches and bike racks.

Gullo said those are aesthetic items that will be alternates in the project that will only be considered after matters of infrastructure,

utilities, drainage, sidewalks and roadway improvements to the base bid.

Gullo said sidewalks have been designed along Kuntz Road, but before construction begins that arrangement needs to be made with property owners there, where there is no right-of-way in which property lines go to the middle of road. "When we develop sidewalks along Kuntz, it's going to go on somebody's property or the city is going to have to dedicate right of way to develop the sidewalks. So, the town council needs to make a decision on how they would like to move forward with the sidewalks."



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OBITUARIES

Sandra Lynn Spry Mertens

Sandra Lynn Spry Mertens, age 75, of Charlestown, IN, entered this life on April 20, 1950, in Jefferson County, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Ira Spry and Mary Nadine Higgins Spry Pruitt. She was raised in Jefferson County and graduated in 1968 from Madison Consolidated High School. She graduated from Ricks College in Rexburg, ID.

She was united in marriage on Aug. 7, 1995, in Clark County, IN. This happy union of 21 years was blessed with a blended family of five children, Derek, Autumn, Patrick, Kimberly, and Shawn. She was employed for a time at the Surgical Center of New Albany. She then started a career with the Greater Clark County Schools as a health assistant for several years. She last worked for Dr. Mark Sheena's Medical Office in the medical records department. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Charlestown, IN. Sandy loved being with her fam-



ily, spoiling her grandchildren, and caring for her animals. Sandra died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, at her home in Charlestown, IN.

Sandra will be missed by their children, Derek Lakeman of Jeffersonville, IN; Autumn Mertens and her husband, Patrick; Shawn Mertens and his wife, Teresa of St. Augustine, FL; and Kimberly Mertens of Louisville, KY; their grandchildren, Joy, Kimberly, Shawn Patrick, Christian, Conner and Ira; their great grandchildren, Lola, Cecilia, and Mia; her brother , Tom Spry of Madison, IN; her sister in law, Cherie Shank and her husband, Dwight of

Grand Junction, CO; her nephews, and nieces, Brent, Ben, Lori, and Kelly; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira Spry, and Mary Nadine Higgins Spry Pruitt, her beloved husband of 21 years, Gerald Wayne "Chip" Mertens, died Sept. 23, 2016.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, at 3 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Brooksbury Cemetery in Brooksbury, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, from 12 - 3 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brooksbury Cemetery Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Robert Nelson 'Bob' Kidwell

Robert Nelson 'Bob' Kidwell, age 86, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Aug. 17, 1939, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late William Grant and Irene Scudder Kidwell. He resided all of his life in Jefferson County, and was a graduate of Central High School. He served in the National Guard for four years and was honorably discharged. On April 12, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sharon Darlene Pearson in TN. They had celebrated 61 years of marriage together. He was blessed with a daughter, Lisa and a son, Brian.

He had worked for Force Construction, Railway Express, and OK Trucking Company. He retired from the Jefferson County Highway Department after 20 years of service. He was a member of the Liberty



Christian Church near Madison, IN. He had enjoyed hunting and fishing earlier in life. Bob died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, at 6:55 p.m., at Hickory Creek of Madison in Madison, IN.

Bob will be missed by his loving wife of 61 years, Sharon Pearson Kidwell of Madison, IN; his daughter and his granddaughter, Lisa Jones of North Vernon, IN, and Morgan; his son and his grandchildren, Brian Kidwell and his

wife, Darla of Lancaster, KY, and Meagan, Briana, and Sean; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Roger and Cheryl Giltner of Louisville, KY; Jeffrey Staples of Mt. Washington, KY; Geraldine Kidwell of Milton, KY; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Grant Kidwell, his mother, Irene Scudder Kidwell, his brother, William Kidwell, his sister, Betty Bray.

Bob chose cremation with no services to be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Michael Robert Stafford

Michael Robert Stafford, age 67, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Oct. 2, 1958, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late David Stafford and Mary Kathryn Brinson Farone. Michael died on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025, at his home near Madison.

Michael will be missed by his loving daughter, Kristin Stafford and her companion, Joe Breeck of Hanover, IN; his granddaughter, Jordyn Lan-

ham; his brothers, Russell Neal Linville of Madison, IN, Mark Dennis Banks of Dupont, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his his father, David Stafford, his mother, Mary Kathryn Brinson Farone, his sister in law, Kathrin Ann Linville, and his nephews, Benjamin Dale Linville, and Clinton Neal Linville.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday,

Dec. 18, 2025, at 11a.m., at the Ryker's Ridge New Cemetery on Rykers Ridge in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Rykers Ridge New Cemetery in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's charity of choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

HOLIDAY CONCERT

North Madison Christian Church, 1400 East State Road 62, Madison
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
Madison Consolidated High School's Fine Arts Academy presents the band, choir and theatre for a holiday concert.

HARP TWINS ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Michael the Archangel, 521 East Third Street, Madison
Friday, Dec. 19, 7-9 p.m.
Join the world-renowned Harp Twins for this family-friendly concert full of magical winter music, Christmas classics, comedy, stories, and a sprinkling of classic rock favorites.

REINDEER GAMES

Hanover Community Building
200 Spruce Lane, Hanover
Friday, Dec. 19, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Christmas-themed games for kids of all ages. Cookie decorating and more. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be available for photos starting at 6 p.m. then will read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at 7:30 p.m.

A SWITZERLAND COUNTY CHRISTMAS

Ogle Haus Inn, 1013 West Main Street, Vevay
Saturday, Dec. 20, 6-9 p.m.
Santa Claus is coming to the Ogle Haus Inn. Every child receives a gift. There will be raffles for bikes and other gifts. Live reindeer will be on site from until 8 p.m.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Christ Episcopal Church, 506 Mulberry Street, Madison
Sunday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m.
There are many reasons the holidays can be difficult. A Blue Christmas service is a gather-

ing for persons in midst of suffering. Following the service, there will be refreshments in the parish hall. For questions, contact Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer at revkirstin@christchurchmadison.org or the church office at 812-265-2158.

BRUNCH

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Hanover Community Building, 200 Spruce Lane
Monday Dec. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Enjoy brunch with the Grinch. Free

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Noon-1 p.m.
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HOUSE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

100 East Second Street, Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

NORTH MADISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, Dec. 20, 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church. Doors open at 6:15 a.m. so guests can get in out of the cold.
Free with no qualifications.

CLOTHING

DISTRIBUTIONS

JESUS CLOTHES CLOSET
Trinity United Methodist Church
412 West Main Street, Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

MADISON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main Street on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

MJHS students staging the magic and music of 'Mary Poppins' this week

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Junior High School Theatre will perform Mary Poppins Jr. this week at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium.

Based on "Mary Poppins," the popular 1964 Walt Disney movie and the stories of P.L. Travers, director Lindsay Bullock said it is an enchanting story with a mixture of unforgettable songs and breathtaking dance numbers.

"It's a really good family show to enjoy during the holidays," Bullock said. "Young and old alike will enjoy the story, enjoy the singing and dancing, and the entire production."

The story is set in England in 1910. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a

nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she teaches the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many memorable adventures.

Kate Miller is portraying Mary Poppins while Logan Roland is Bert. "They are both very talented and do a really great job," said Bullock. Other actors includes Lily Wright as Jane Banks, Keeton Lee as Michael Banks, Calvin Conway as George Banks and Bailey Dickerson as Winifred Banks.

The cast also includes Ella Guirguis as Katie Nanna, Harper Baker as Mrs. Brill, Floyd Davis as Robertson Ay, Jordan Darbo as Neleus, Avery Wilber as Bird Woman,

Caroline Demaree as Miss Smythe, Timmy Kempton as Chairman, Ava Cleary as Von Hussler, Ellie Shipman as John Northbrook, Lina Lichlyter as Mrs. Corry and River Porter as Miss Andrew.

Bullock said nearly 90 students are involved in the production overall, whether it's in the cast or the crew. Auditions are held to choose students for the roles but none are cut to give all students an opportunity to experience theater, and decide if they have a passion for it.

Performances are 7 p.m. daily Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at Sherman Auditorium. Tickets are available online at \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. Admission at the door is \$7 for students and \$10 for adults.

LILLY

FROM PAGE A1

granddaughter of Bob and Charlotte Canida, all of Madison.

Among many accomplishments, Lilly is ranked in the top of her class and is involved in the National Honor Society, Captain of both the Varsity Volleyball and Swim teams, and is President of the Madison Student Athletic Council.

Upon learning of the award, Lilly commented, "I am honored and ecstatic to be chosen as the 2026 Jefferson County Lilly Endowment Scholar out of such a competitive group of candidates. I look forward to representing Madison and the Community Foundation at Butler University, both academically and on the swim team. I want to give a special thanks to everyone who has helped me get where I am today, including my supportive family, my dedicated teachers, my amazing friends and teammates, the Community Foundation, and most of all, God."

Six Jefferson County students ranked in the top 10% of their classes were selected as finalists for the 2026 scholarship. In addition to Canida, the other finalists were Brady Cook, Max Joseph and Braxton Lewis, all of Southwestern; Ellie Whitaker of Madison Consolidated; and Jamison Williams of Shawe

Memorial. The five finalists will each receive a \$1,500 Community Foundation Scholar Award from the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County for their efforts and achievements.

Jefferson County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship nominee is selected through a blind process, meaning that applicant identities are withheld from the review committee. Scoring consideration is given to strong academics, school and community involvement, character references, a timed essay, and a final interview. After narrowing the field of applicants, the nominee was submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI), the statewide administrator of the program, which approves the final selection of scholarship recipients.

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Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees and a special

allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Scholars can also join the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects them with resources and opportunities to lead on campus and in their communities. Both the scholarship program and LSN are supported by grants from Lilly Endowment Inc. to ICI.

Since its inception in 1997-98, Lilly Endowment has supported this program with tuition grants totaling more than \$505 million, benefiting over 5,400 Indiana students.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are:

- To raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana.
 - To increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations play.
 - To encourage and support Lilly Scholars' engagement with Indiana leaders to improve the quality of life statewide.
- Lilly Endowment Inc. created the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for the 1997-98 school year. Since then, grant funding totaling in excess of \$490 million has supported more than 5,300 Indiana students who have received scholarships through the program.

DEATH NOTICES

Phillip Layman "Phil" Cloat, 76, of Moorefield, IN, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Cremation was chosen with no formal services at this time. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Kenneth Ray Estes, 67, of Vevay, IN, died Tuesday. Dec. 9, 2025, at his home in Vevay. Cremation was chosen with no services to be held. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, IN, www.lytlewelty.com.

Deborah Holley Snow, 74, of Carrollton, KY, died Friday Dec. 12, 2025, at her daughter's residence in Carrollton. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara "Barbie" Lewis, 52, of Sulphur, Kentucky, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2025, at her home. Funeral service

will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Campbellsburg, KY, with burial at the Sulphur Cemetery in Sulphur, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Alford Grant "Al" Pettit, 82, of Vevay, IN, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Beth Ann Eivich Swan, 66, of Union, KY, died Wednesday Dec. 10, 2025, at her home in Union. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in the Vevay Cemetery there, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Linda Sue Sparkman Timberlake, 76, of La Grange, KY, died Thursday, Dec. 11, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, with interment to follow in the Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



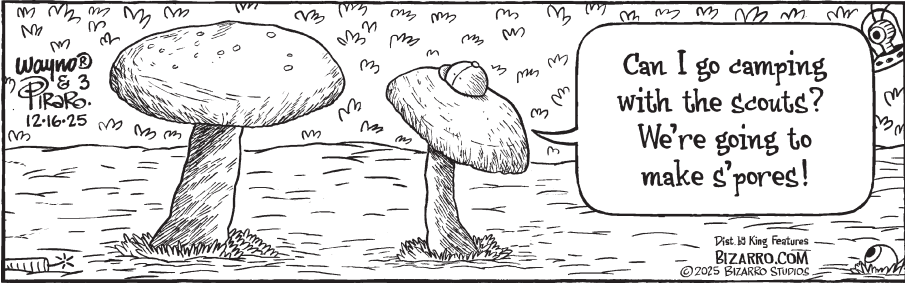
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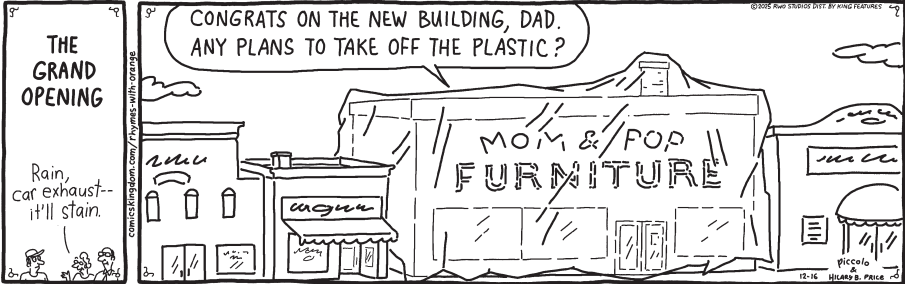
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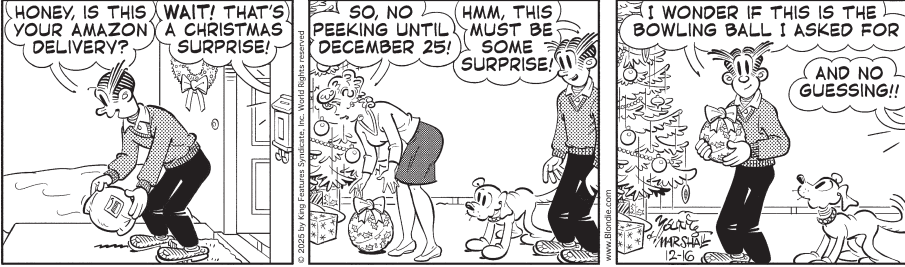
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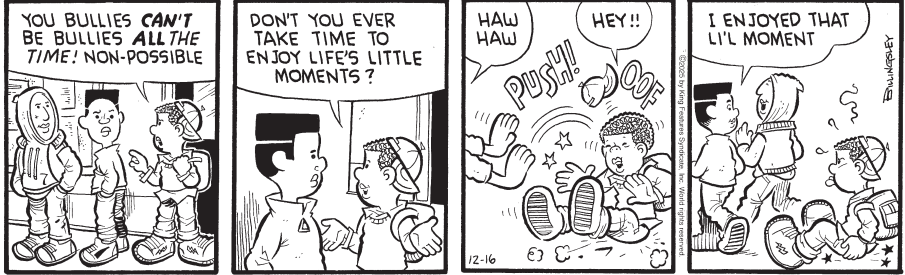
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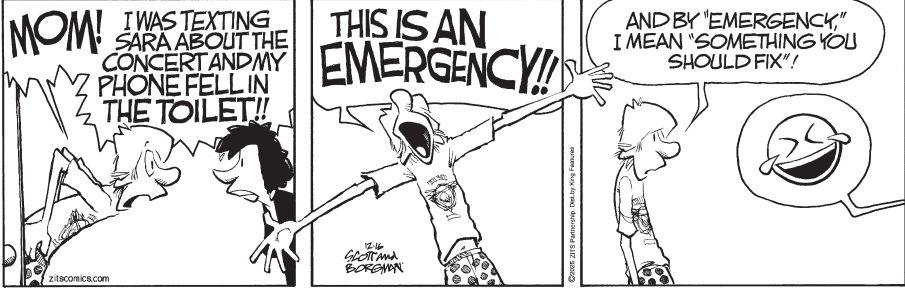
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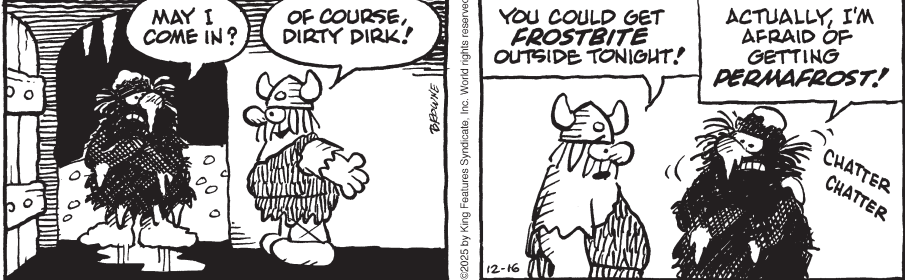
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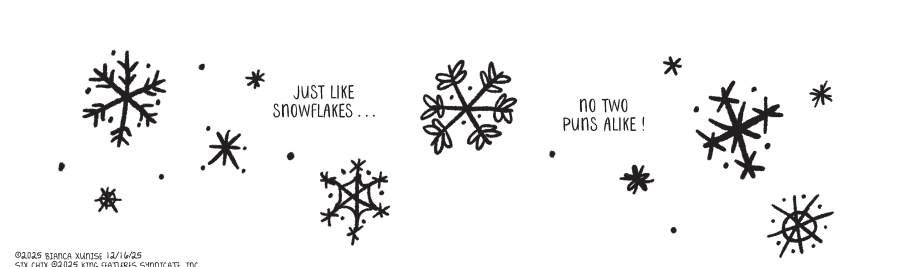
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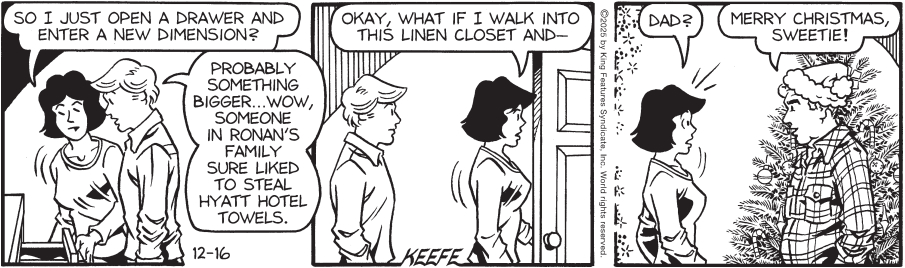
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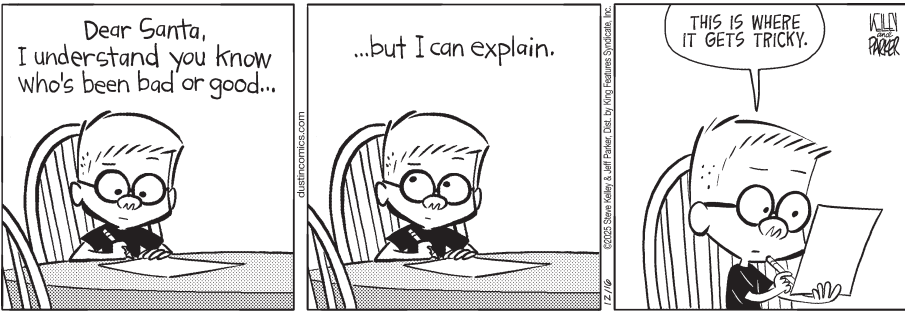
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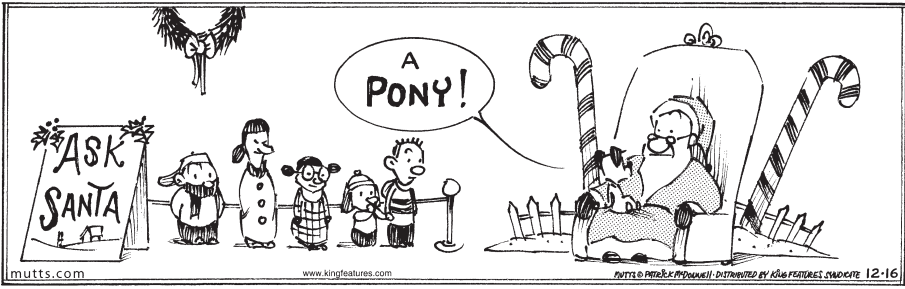
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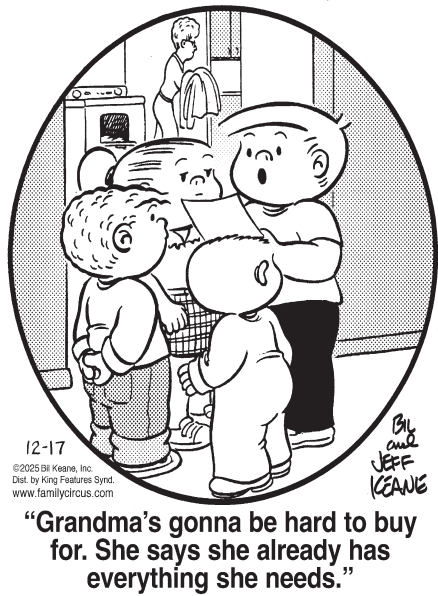


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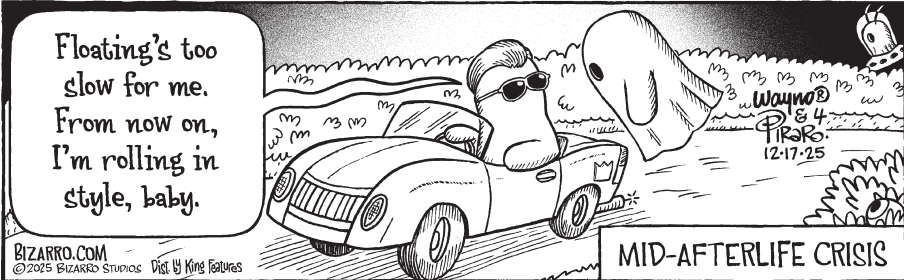
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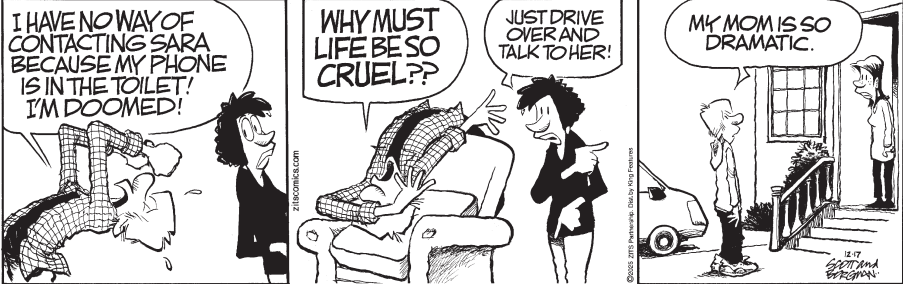
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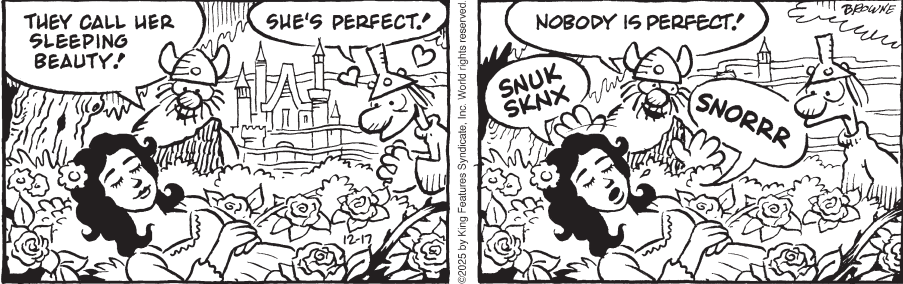
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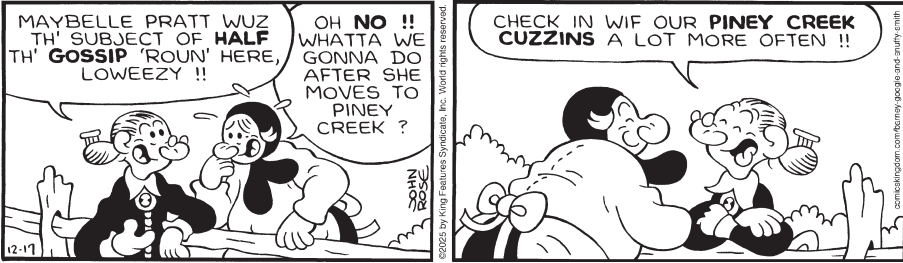
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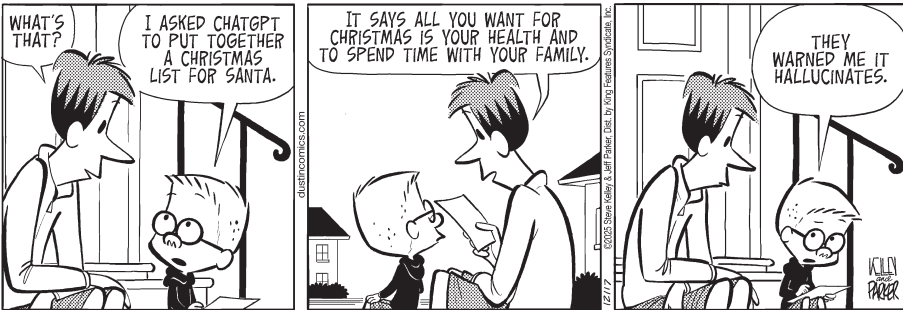
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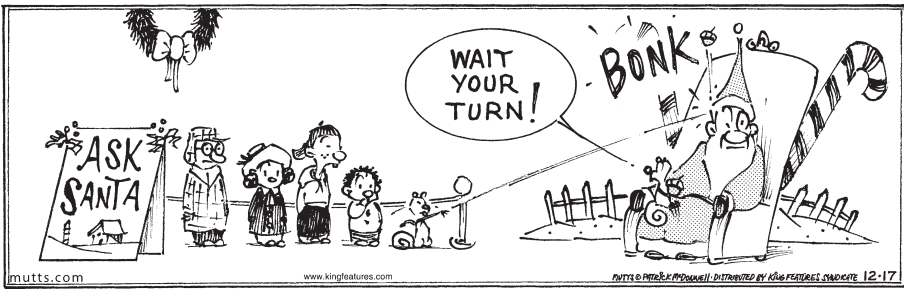
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Shop With A Firefighter



Bob Demaree

Madison city firefighters hosted Shop with a Firefighter on Saturday that benefited 68 kids and 28 families. After shopping, they returned to Madison Elks 524 where they enjoyed pizza and a visit with Santa Claus.



Bob Demaree

Alaya Murphy, 3, gives Santa Claus a hug at Madison Elks Lodge 524 during Shop with a Firefighter festivities Saturday.



Bob Demaree

Jessica Watson (left) of Clifty 6 Fire Department, and Mike Grecco of Walnut Street Fire Company No. 4 assisted families during Shop with a Firefighter on Saturday.



Bob Demaree

Linda Lytle sets out food during Saturday's Shop with a Firefighter festivities at Madison Elks Lodge 524.



Bob Demaree

Families gathered for lunch at Elks Lodge 524 on Saturday during Shop with a Firefighter festivities.

Trump was unable to insult his way to victory in Indiana redistricting battle

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND ISABELLA VOLMERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If Indiana Republican senators had any doubt about what to do with President Donald Trump's redistricting proposal, he helped them make up their minds the night before this week's vote.

In a social media screed, Trump accused the state's top senator of being "a bad guy, or a very stupid one." "That kind of language doesn't help," said Sen. Travis Holdman, a banker and lawyer from near Fort Wayne who voted against the plan. He was among 21

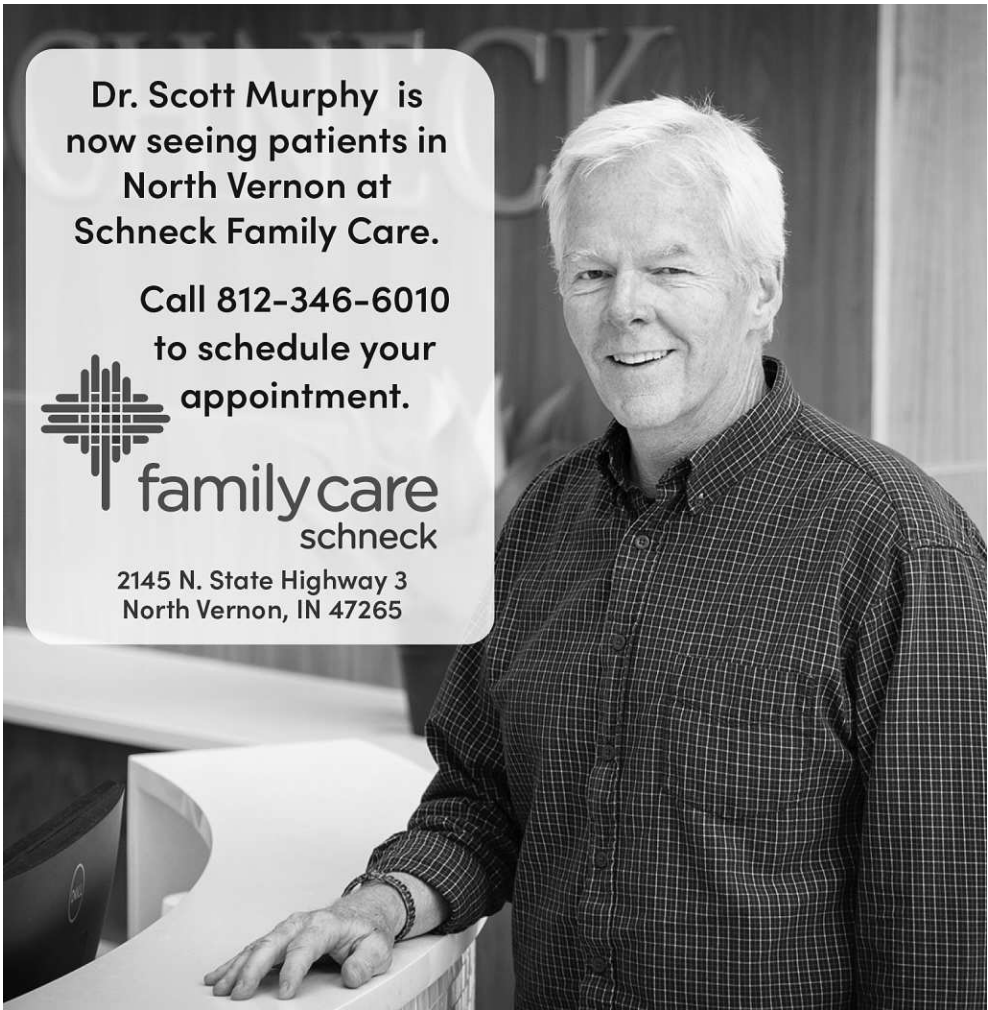
Republican senators who dealt Trump one of the most significant political defeats of his second term by rejecting redistricting in Indiana. The decision undermined the president's national campaign to redraw congressional maps to boost his party's chances in the upcoming midterm elections.

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Sports

Southwestern shrugs off slow start to roll over New Washington

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern didn't exactly start Friday's game on fire but the Rebels closed it in a rush and pulled away for a 75-44 rout of New Washington at home.

The Rebels found themselves in a back-and-forth game with winless New Washington for the first eight minutes and led only 20-15 at the first horn. But Southwestern kicked it into a second gear in the second quarter, outscored the Mustangs 26-11 in that frame and never looked back rolling to their third win of the season.

"I wasn't real proud of our boys to start the game with our focus and intensity, but you see that quite often on snow days, when they're just laying around the house all day," Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum said. "To their credit, they did a great job. Quenton Lewis, just a freshman, came in, got us some steals, and just followed the game plan, and Jeter Chatham just diving on the ground for those loose balls. You've got to love watching that kid play basketball."

Southwestern (3-1) didn't struggle to hit shots in the first quarter but instead couldn't find enough defensive intensity to stop a New Washington squad that was firing on all cylinders early. The Mustangs hit three 3-pointers in the first half and shot over 50% from the floor as they traded the lead three times.

But the Rebels began finding their bearings late in the first quarter and took over the game in the second. Lewis came off the bench to hit a pair of 3-pointers and score 12 points to kickstart a Southwestern run that saw the Rebels seize a 46-26 lead at the half.

The run eventually reached 27-2 in the second half as Southwestern blew open the game. The Rebels' largest lead of the night was 37 points (68-31) late in the fourth quarter as they cruised to the win.



David Campbell

New Washington's Jake Clemons (20) gets blocked by Southwestern's Quenton Lewis (right) and Brady Cook (left) during Friday's Rebel win at home.

In the end, Southwestern had five players score in double-figures with sophomore Andrew Nussbaum, the coach's son, leading the way with 15. Brady Cook had a double-double of 12 points and 11 rebounds, Lewis finished with 12, Luke Morrow had 11 points and six rebounds and Caleb Goode had 10 points.

Chatham did not reach double-figures in scoring but posted an impressive overall stat line of eight points, seven rebounds, six assists

and four steals.

"Brady's the type of kid, he's just gonna fill the stat line every night. He always guards their best player," Coach Nussbaum said. "Him and Jeter are both just great to have. I always tell them they can each guard one through five, right? That's pretty nice to have as a coach. It's kind of a nice little luxury."

Overall, Southwestern shot 48% from the floor and turned the ball over just five times on the night.



David Campbell

New Washington's Aiden Song goes airborne after biting on a ball-fake by Southwestern's Luke Morrow (21) during the Rebels' boys basketball win at home on Friday.

The Rebels also had 23 assists on 28 made baskets.

New Washington (0-5) was led by Carson Jones with 12 points and Jake Clemons with 11.

Southwestern's game at Batesville on Saturday was postponed due to weather. The Rebels host Jac-Cen-Del on Friday and head to Clarksville on Saturday.

Mendoza wins the Heisman Trophy as college football's top player

BY EVERETT MERRILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Fernando Mendoza, the enthusiastic quarterback of No. 1 Indiana, won the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night, becoming the first Hoosier to win college football's most prestigious award since its inception in 1935.

Mendoza claimed 2,362 points, including 643 first-place votes. He beat Vanderbilt quarterback Diego Pavia (1,435 points), Notre Dame running back Jeremiyah Love (719 points) and Ohio State quarterback Julian Sayin (432 points).

Mendoza's Heisman win was emphatic. He finished first in all six Heisman regions, the first to do so since Caleb Williams in 2022. He was named on 95.16% of all ballots, tying him with Marcus Mariota

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Charlie Neibergall/AP photo

Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza warms up before an NCAA college football game against Iowa, Saturday, Sept. 27, in Iowa City, Iowa.

ROUNDUP

Carroll County swept by Gallatin in doubleheader

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County's boys and girls basketball both went down to defeat at the hands of Gallatin County at home on Thursday.

The Carroll girls suffered a 62-23 loss in the first game while the boys lost 57-45 in the second game.

Carroll fielded no player with more than six points, Amberlee Schooler, in the girls game. Brooklyn Rose, Mya Hall and Hemi Dickerson scored four points each and Josie Dale had seven rebounds.

Lucy McVey led Gallatin with 23 points and Audrina Doolin and Chloe Franks had 11 points each.

Gallatin's boys were led by Nick Skidmore with 17 points while Julio Martinez scored 13.

No details for Carroll were available.

Carroll County's girls fell to 2-3 overall and 0-2 31st District play while the boys are 1-3 overall and 0-2 in the district. Both squads travel to Trimble County on Tuesday for a doubleheader being billed as the "Christmas Clash."

Carroll's boys then host Anderson

SEE **GALLATIN/PAGE B2**



David Campbell

Carroll County's Rylan Kinman shoots a 3-pointer during the Panthers' loss at home to Gallatin County on Thursday.



David Campbell

Carroll County's Blake Webster (right) shoots over Gallatin County's Evan Frasure during Thursday's game in Carrollton.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Quick start leads Panthers to win at Manchester

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Athletic Conference, hosts Anderson on Wednesday.

Hanover College used a big first-half to pull out a 95-83 win over Manchester in men's basketball Saturday on the road.

The Panthers outscored Manchester 49-38 in the first half and played even in the second half to claim their second league win of the season.

Malachi McNair had a huge double-double of 25 points and 14 rebounds to lead Hanover's effort while C.J. Walls scored 28 points and had five rebounds and four assists. Jeremiah Alexander scored 14 points, Davis Olson had 13 points and William Herald scored 11.

Hanover, now 5-3 overall, 2-1 Heartland Collegiate

HANOVER WOMEN FALL

Manchester pulled away in the fourth quarter to post a 69-54 win over Hanover in women's basketball Saturday in Manchester.

The host Spartans led by only three (51-48) at the start of the fourth quarter but outscored Hanover 18-9 over the final 10 minutes for the win.

Alexis Wines scored 15 points and Lily Ernstes had 12 to lead Hanover. Kaitlyn Lorenzi added seven points and nine rebounds.

Hanover, now 5-3 overall, 1-2 HCAC, competes in the Trine Classic starting on Saturday. The Panthers play Olivet in the opener.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 16 BASKETBALL

Trimble Co. girls host Carroll Co., 6 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Eastern, 6 p.m.
Madison boys at North Decatur, 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls at Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Carroll Co., 8 p.m.

SWIMMING

Southwestern hosts Shawe, Charlestown, South Ripley, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co., Rivertown Classic at Lawrenceburg, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17 BASKETBALL

Hanover men hosts Anderson, 3 p.m.
Hanover women at Anderson, 7 p.m.
Shawe boys host South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Switzerland Co. boys host Milan, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18 BASKETBALL

Southwestern girls host Rock Creek, 6 p.m.
Shawe girls at Henryville, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys hosts Anderson, 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls host Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls at Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls vs. Baylor (Tenn.), Rocky Top Sports Classic at Chattanooga, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Southwestern hosts Madison, Shawe, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19 BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls, Rocky Top Sports Classic, TBA
Shawe boys at Crothersville, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys host Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host East Central, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern wins 8 events in quad swim meet at home

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's girls swim team racked up eight individual wins in a dominating performance over Shawe, Rising Sun and South Ripley last Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Riley Crawford, Natalee Crawford and Alexis Dean-Wells each won

four events for the Lady Rebels.

Riley Crawford won the 100-yard freestyle in 1:04.75 and the 100 backstroke in 1:11.53, Natalee Crawford won the 50 freestyle in 26.61 and the 100 butterfly in 1:03.80 and Dean-Wells won the 200 freestyle in 2:43.55 and the 500 freestyle in 7:15.61. The trio then teamed with

Adalei Watson to win the 200 medley relay in 2:19.36 and the 200 freestyle relay in 2:04.82.

Shawe's Matthew Vaughn won a pair of races, claiming the boys 50 freestyle in 23.06 and the 100 freestyle in 50.66

Other finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Watson, second,

200 free, 2:48.00 and second, 500 free, 7:27.61 and Molly Bruce, second, 100 back, 1:48.43 and seventh, 50 free.

Finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Brady Bowman, second, 100 breast, 1:25.51 and fifth, 100 free, 1:05.61; and Shane Hardy, third, 50 free, 29.87.

Shawe's Taytum Gray was second in the girls 100 freestyle in 1:11.99 and third in the 50 freestyle in 30.53.

Last Thursday's match at Southwestern was postponed due to weather. Southwestern hosts Shawe, Charlestown and South Ripley on Tuesday and Madison and Shawe on Thursday.

Trimble girls go 2-0 at Henry, vs. North Oldham

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County girls basketball won their half of a 31st District doubleheader at Henry County 42-36 on Friday and then out-battled North Oldham 62-60 Saturday in Bedford.

The Lady Raiders, now 3-1, 1-0 in the district play, got balanced scoring in the comeback win over Henry and a big game by Kendra Mahoney and several others in the win over North Oldham.

On Friday, Ainslie Stark led the Raiders with 11 points while Kinsten Long added nine and Mahoney and Claire Litter scored eight points each.

Trimble led 11-8 after a quarter and just 23-22 at halftime before trailing 31-28 entering the final quarter. Mahoney led the Raiders' late comeback with two baskets on the block while Stark drained a 3-pointer on the wing to stake Trimble to a 40-33 lead and put the game away.

Morgan McElfresh and Malin Way led Henry (1-3, 0-1 District 31) with nine points each and Josie Peyton scored six.

On Saturday, Mahoney scored 20 and Long had 12 — all on 4-for-9 shooting from beyond the arc — while Mariah Rumsey added 10 and Anna Brierly scored eight in the win over the Mustangs (2-3). Mahoney also capped her double-double with 11 rebounds while Brierly had nine and Ainslie Stark scored six.

North Oldham's Greyson Luehrs led all scorers with 21 points and Emaline Myers and Ava Crace added 13 each with Crace pulling a game-high 14 rebounds while Myers posted 12 boards.

The Raiders remain in the district this week by hosting Carroll County on Tuesday as part of a boys-girls doubleheader that is being called the "Christmas Clash." Trimble then hosts Gallatin County Thursday before traveling to Newport Central Catholic on Saturday.

TRIMBLE BOYS FALL TO HENRY

Trimble County boys basketball lost its half of the Friday's doubleheader in New Castle as the Wildcats rolled the Raiders 78-40 for their first win of the season.

Trimble, now 1-4, 0-1 31st District, trailed just 15-13 after a quarter but quickly lost contact in the second period to fall



Abby Hooven

Trimble County's Ann Brierly (33) pushes the ball upcourt against Henry County's Josie Peyton (12) as Alyssa Ritchie trails the break. The Raiders won 42-36 to improve to 3-1 over the weekend after a 62-60 win over North Oldham on Saturday in Bedford.



Abby Hooven

Trimble County's Liam Taylor drives to the basket over Henry County's Issac Abney (10) and Austin Mullin in Friday's District 31 game in New Castle. The Wildcats won 78-40.

behind 45-23 at halftime. The Wildcats held a commanding 66-32 cushion entering the fourth quarter.

Baylor Nolin led Henry County (1-3, 1-0 District 31) with 22 points — all in the first half — while Kamari Shropshire added 19 points and Isaac Abney had eight.

Briley Clifford led Trimble

with nine points, Zach Rice scored seven, Drake Pennix and Rian Philips had six points each and Liam Taylor added five.

The Raiders host Carroll County on Tuesday as part of a boys-girls doubleheader that is being called the "Christmas Clash," and then host Gallatin County on Friday.



Submitted

Madison's Zane Skinner puts a hold on Switzerland County's Jaksyn Smithson-Cox during a dual meet last Wednesday.

Madison wrestling goes 0-3 at Columbus North Duals after 45-30 win over Switz.

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys wrestling competed in three matches in the Columbus North Duals on Saturday.

Madison did not field a full team at Columbus and lost 39-33 to Monrovia, 30-29 to West Washington and 56-18 to Columbus North.

Zane Skinner (157 pounds) and Garrett Deuser (215) both went 3-0 on the day while Gabriel Wall-Polly (285) won his only match. Ethan Pittman (132), Owen Colwell (144), Segar Ralston (150) and Brendan Bentz (165) each went 2-1 and Nathen McBride (285) went 0-2.

On Wednesday, Madison defeated Switzerland County 45-30 in a dual that has had big post-season implications the past few years.

The Cubs and Pacers started off trading forfeits at the 106, 113, and 120-pound weight classes, before Madison went on to win six of the nine contested matchups.

"We have a lot of respect for that program and how competitive these matches

have been the past couple of years," Madison coach Phillip Wimpee said. "They're a team that competed at the IHSWCA Team State last year and have set themselves up well for qualifying again this year, so we expected it to be a tough match."

"We've had some illness and injury stuff going on so the talk to our guys this week was focused on just controlling what we can control, preparing for the task at hand, and being unselfish," Wimpee added. "I feel like we accomplished all of those and came out with a solid team win."

Match results were: 106 — Keaton Peterson, Madison, forfeit; 113 — Leonard Oatman, Switzerland Co., forfeit; 120 — Michael Gross, Switzerland Co., forfeit; 126 — Drew Zuckschwerdt, Madison over Paxton Mathews, Switzerland Co., fall, 0:13; 132 — Ethan Pittman, Madison over Aillan Hartley, Switzerland Co., MD 14-4; 138 — Ethan Rose, Switzerland Co. over Elijah Copeland, Madison, fall, 0:18; 144 — Peyton Richards, Switzerland Co. over Owen

Colwell, Madison, fall, 1:08; 150: Segar Ralston, Madison over Carson Craig, Switzerland Co., TF 23-4 (5:41); 157 — Zane Skinner, Madison over Jaksyn Smithson-Cox, Switzerland Co. fall, 0:42; 165 — Double Forfeit; 175 — Brendan Bentz, Madison over Jackoby McKay, Switzerland Co., fall, 0:15; 190 — Mason Stroud, Switzerland Co. over Sean Romero, Madison, fall, 1:17; 215: Zayden Copeland, Madison, forfeit; 285 — Garrett Deuser, Madison over Logan Bishop, Switzerland Co., fall, 1:34.

"If you're familiar with our line up, we bumped some guys around to create match ups that we thought would give us a good path to win," Wimpee said. "Not a single one of our wrestlers complained, or gave it a second thought when being told they were moving around. They just went out, competed hard, and didn't let anything affect them. Again, it was just a great team effort."

Madison competes at East Central on Saturday.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern junior varsity boys basketball hammered New Washington 38-6 in a two-quarter game on Friday. Trevor Swalley had 10

points for the Rebels, Turner Trapp had eight and Christian Wheeler scored seven.

Southwestern hosts Jac-Cen-Del on Friday and travels to Clarksville on Saturday. •Shawe junior varsity boys

basketball lost 49-14 at Jac-Cen-Del on Friday.

Martin Sanchez Gomes had five points for the Hilltoppers.

Shawe hosts South Ripley on Wednesday.

GALLATIN

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County on Thursday and Robertson as part of the Carroll County Christmas Classic on Saturday. Carroll County's girls head to Chattanooga, Tennessee for

the Rocky Top Sports World Tournament starting on Thursday where they will take on Baylor School (Tenn.) in the opener.

LADY REBELS CRUSH MUSTANGS

Southwestern girls basketball had no problem with New Washington, rolling to a 60-9 win Thursday on the

road.

Savannah Nussbaum had a big game with 18 points, seven rebounds, eight steals and four assists for the Rebels. Mikayla Nussbaum had 13 points, four assists and four rebounds, Baleigh McAfee had seven points and seven rebounds, Chloe Sprayberry had seven points

and Olivia Simpson had seven assists and eight steals.

Southwestern, now 6-4 on the season, hosts Eastern (Pekin) on Tuesday and Rock Creek on Thursday.

SHAWE FALLS TO JCD

Shawe boys basketball dropped a 76-40 decision at Jac-Cen-Del on Friday.

Loren Stiver scored 18 points for the Hilltoppers, Clark Nichter had nine and Cavaan Hambrick scored eight.

Shawe, now 2-4 overall, 0-2 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosts South Ripley on Wednesday and travels to Crothersville on Friday.

PACERS LOSE TO RISING SUN

Switzerland County boys basketball fell to Rising Sun 72-59 at home on Friday.

No details from the game were available.

Switzerland, now 0-4 on the season, hosts East Central on Friday and travels to Class 2A No. 10 Providence on Saturday.



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CRACKS IN THE BASEMENT?

Joe Burrow blames himself after shutout loss to Ravens that ends Bengals' playoff hopes

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — After voicing his frustration earlier in the week, Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow had what he described as one of the worst performances of his career in a 24-0 loss to the Baltimore Ravens that eliminated Cincinnati from the playoff race.

Burrow, who returned three weeks ago after left toe surgery that sidelined him for nine games, threw two interceptions — including a pick-6 for

the second straight game — and completed 25 of 39 passes for 225 yards as Cincinnati (4-10) was shut out at home for the first time since 2017.

“There’s not a team in the NFL that would have won the game today if I was the quarterback,” Burrow said.

During a news conference on Wednesday, Burrow made comments that had some questioning his future in Cincinnati.

“If I want to keep doing this, I have to have fun doing it,” Burrow said. “If it’s not fun, then what am I doing it for?”

Burrow clarified those remarks on Sunday.

“My comments had nothing to do with Cincinnati,” he said. “My comments had everything to do with me and my mindset.”

Injuries haven’t helped.

Burrow’s rookie season ended in 2020 in Week 10 when he tore an ACL. He played only 10 games in 2023 because of a torn wrist ligament. And then came the severe turf toe injury that sidelined him this year.

“He just wants to be great, I can respect that,” receiver Ja’Marr Chase said. “I’m not going to let him kill himself

mentally by just one game he played bad.”

The Bengals haven’t reached the playoffs since 2022, when they lost to the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC championship game. A year before that, they lost to the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl.

“This is a team that I thought was a talented team that was going to have a chance to do things this year,” coach Zac Taylor said. “Frustrating season. I believe in the guys we have in this locker room. Through good times and bad,

they’ll put their best foot forward.”

The Bengals spent big this offseason, extending the contracts of Chase and fellow wideout Tee Higgins. They gave top pass rusher Trey Hendrickson a 1-year, \$30 million deal but did little else to improve one of the league’s worst defenses.

Veteran Joe Flacco filled in for Burrow and kept the Bengals’ playoff hopes afloat. Burrow returned on Thanksgiving night and passed for 261 yards and two touchdowns in a win over the

Ravens.

But the following week, Burrow and the Bengals collapsed at Buffalo. They were much worse on Sunday.

MENDOZA

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in 2014 for the second highest in the award’s history and he received 84.6% of total possible points, which is the seventh highest in Heisman history.

“I haven’t seen the numbers yet,” said Mendoza, “but it’s such an honor to be mentioned with these guys (Pavia, Love and Sayin). It’s really a credit to our team. It’s a team award.”

Mendoza guided the Hoosiers to their first No. 1 ranking and the top seed in the 12-team College Football bracket, throwing for 2,980 yards and a national-best 330 touchdown passes while also running for six scores. Indiana, the last unbeaten team in major college football, will play a College Football Playoff quarterfinal game in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Mendoza, the Hoosiers’ first-year starter after transferring from California, is the triggerman for an offense that surpassed program records for touchdowns and points set during last season’s surprise run to the CFP.

A redshirt junior, the once lightly recruited Miami native is the second Heisman finalist in school history, joining 1989 runner-up Anthony Thompson. Mendoza is the seventh Indiana player to earn a top-10 finish in Heisman balloting and it marks another first in program history — having back-to-back players in the top 10. Hoosiers quarterback Kurtis Rourke was ninth last year.

With his teammates chanting “HeismanDoza” as he addressed the media, he said there felt like a realistic chance of winning the Heisman

when the Hoosiers routed then No. 19 Illinois 63-10 on Sept. 20.

“At that point my boys (teammates) said we might make it to New York (for the award ceremony),” he said. “It was lighthearted at the time, but that’s when it started.”

Quarterbacks have won the Heisman four of the last five years, with two-way player Travis Hunter of Colorado ending the run last season.

Mendoza is the 43rd quarterback to win the Heisman and the second winner of Latin American descent to claim the trophy. Stanford’s Jim Plunkett was the first in 1970.

“Although I grew up in America, my four grandparents are all from Cuba,” he said. “I had the opportunity to go there and that was important to me. I credit the love to my grandparents and the Hispanic community.”

The Heisman Trophy presentation came after a number of accolades were already awarded. Mendoza was named The Associated Press player of the year earlier this week and picked up the Maxwell and Davey O’Brien awards Friday night while Love won the Doak Walker Award.

Mendoza and Pavia clearly exemplify the changing landscape of using the transfer portal in college football. Mendoza is the seventh transfer to win the award in the last nine years. Vanderbilt is Pavia’s third school.

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Pavia finished second with 189 first-place votes. He threw for a school record 3,192 yards and 27 touchdowns for the Commodores, who were

pushing for a CFP berth all the way to the bracket announcement. He is the first Heisman finalist in Vanderbilt history.

Generously listed as 6 feet tall, Pavia led Vanderbilt to its first 10-win season along with six wins against Southeastern Conference foes. That includes four wins over ranked programs as Vandy reached No. 9, its highest ranking in The Associated Press Top 25 since 1937.

Pavia went from being unrecruited out of high school to junior college, New Mexico State and finally Vanderbilt in 2024 through the transfer portal.

Vandy next plays in the ReliaQuest Bowl against Iowa on Dec. 31.

IRISH LOVE

The last running back to win the Heisman was Alabama’s Derrick Henry in 2015. Love put himself in the mix with an outstanding season for Notre Dame. He finished with 46 first-place votes.

The junior from St. Louis was fourth in the Bowl Subdivision in yards rushing (1,372), fifth in per-game average (114.3) and third with 18 rushing touchdowns for the Fighting Irish, who missed out on a CFP bid and opted not to play in a bowl game.

He was the first player in Notre Dame’s storied history to produce multiple TD runs of 90 or more yards, a 98-yarder against Indiana in the first round of last year’s playoffs and a 94-yarder against Boston College earlier this season.

BUCKEYES’ LEADER

Sayin led the Buckeyes to a No. 1 ranking for most of the season, throwing for 3,329 yards while tying for second

in the country with 31 TD passes ahead of their CFP quarterfinal at the Cotton Bowl on Dec. 31.

The sophomore from Carlsbad, California, arrived at Ohio State after initially committing to Alabama and entering the transfer portal following a coaching change. He played four games last season before winning the starting job. He led the Buckeyes to a 14-7 win in the opener against preseason No. 1 Texas and kept the team atop the AP Top 25 for 13 straight weeks, tying its second-longest run.

Sayin follows a strong lineage of Ohio State quarterbacks since coach Ryan Day arrived in 2017. Dwayne Haskins (2018), Justin Fields (2019), C.J. Stroud (2021), and Kyle McCord (2023) averaged 3,927

passing yards, 40 TDs, and six interceptions, along with a 68.9% completion rate during their first seasons.



MDK # 25-004615 TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Switzerland Circuit Court of Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2503-MF-000103, wherein Nationalstar Mortgage LLC was Plaintiff, and Charles R. Smith were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on January 27, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Sheriff's Office at 405 Liberty Street Vevay, IN 47043 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana, in Cause No. 78C01-2503-MF-000103, wherein Nationalstar Mortgage LLC was Plaintiff, and Charles R. Smith were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on January 27, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Sheriff's Office at 405 Liberty Street Vevay, IN 47043 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Switzerland County, Indiana, a part of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, located in York Township of Switzerland County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 1134.75 feet to an iron bar being the point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 380.00 feet to a P. K. nail in the centerline of Scott's Ridge Road; thence along the centerline of said road the following two courses: South 03 degrees 52 minutes 11 seconds East 206.33 feet to a steel nail; South 13 degrees 09 minutes 08 seconds East 94.85 feet to a steel nail; thence South 68 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West 380.00 feet to an iron bar; thence North 08 degrees 21 minutes 58 seconds West 433.98 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.109 acres. Subject to the right-of-way of Scott's Ridge Road and all easements of record. ALSO: Subject to a twenty (20) foot wide easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 1134.75 feet; thence South 08 degrees 21 minutes 58 seconds East 433.98 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 68 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds East 380.00 feet to the point of termination. Description prepared by Gary L. McAllister, R. L. S. #S0399, dated July 26, 1993, and recorded in Survey Record 2, Page 335 thereof, in the Recorder's Office of Switzerland County, Indiana. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: A part of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, located in York Township of Switzerland County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 1134.75 feet to an iron pin found, the point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 380.00 feet to a P. K. nail found in the centerline of Scott's Ridge Road; thence along said centerline South 03 degrees 52 minutes 11 seconds East 139.65 feet; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds West 369.42 feet; thence North 08 degrees 10 minutes 48 seconds West 140.55 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.200 acres. Subject to the right-of-way of Scott's Ridge Road and all easements of record (according to a survey made by Gary L. McAllister, R. L. S. #S0399, dated August 11, 1995). Commonly known address: 10987 Scotts Ridge Road, Rising Sun, IN 47040 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Nicholas M. Smith MDK Legal P.O. Box 165028 Columbus OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 614-220-5611 Attorney for Plaintiff Brian Morton, Sheriff of Switzerland County Township: York Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 78-09-13-100-003.005-008 The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.



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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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Lot Number Seventeen (17) in Wolf Trails Subdivision, which plat was recorded July 19, 1994 in Plat Book 2, Page 189, in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 1969 Wolf Trails Dr, Madison, IN 47250-1985

Parcel No. 39-08-28-124-025.000-007

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/s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2406-MF-000510 wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs at Law of Deborah W. Dorten, Deceased, Patrick H. Dorten, Sherri L. Dorten DOC# 293843 a/k/a Sherri Dorten, LVNV Funding, LLC, Bank of America, N.A. and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 22nd day of January, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Lot No. Fourteen (14), Mouser Plat to the Town of North Madison, (now City of Madison), Indiana, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 30, Recorder's Office of Jefferson county, Indiana.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 39C01-2511-EU-000088

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF RODNEY RAY MAY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2025, Jennifer Hutton was appointed personal representative of the estate of Rodney Ray May, deceased, who died on November 4, 2025.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 1st day of December 2025.

/s/Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court



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Purdue's Smith hits milestone

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue guard Braden Smith has become the second men’s basketball player in Division I history to produce 1,500 points, 850 assists and 550 rebounds in his career. Smith achieved the milestone Saturday on his first assist of the game in a 79-59 victory over Marquette, a pass to Fletcher Loyer for a 3-pointer only 12 seconds in to give the sixth-ranked Boilermakers a 3-0 lead. He entered the game with 1,508 points, a school-record 849 assists and 574 rebounds. The only other player to achieve the feat was D.J. Cooper, who had 2,075 points, 934 assists and 620 rebounds while playing at Ohio from 2009-13.

Seahawks outlast Philip Rivers and Colts 18-16 on Jason Myers' 56-yard field goal

BY ANDREW DESTIN ASSOCIATED PRESS SEATTLE — Jason Myers has quietly been a big part of the Seattle Seahawks' success this season. He was the only reason they won Sunday. Myers kicked a franchise-record six field goals, including a 56-yarder with 29 seconds left, and the Seahawks outlasted 44-year-old quarterback Philip Rivers and the Indianapolis Colts 18-16 with scoring a touchdown. “I hit it well,” Myers said. “A little slice there, but once I got it up, I knew (I) hit a really strong ball.” Myers has converted 24 of his last 25 field goals, with the only miss a 61-yard try on Nov. 16, and he leads the NFL with a career-best 154 points. He also converted from 47, 52, 46, 32 and 30 yards, and the Seahawks (11-3) needed

every one of them to beat Rivers, who hadn't thrown a pass in an NFL game in nearly five years. Seattle extended its winning streak to four games. Indy trailed for just 1:58 and went ahead 13-3 on Rivers' first touchdown pass since the Colts' 27-24 loss to the Buffalo Bills in the playoffs on Jan. 9, 2021. He connected with Josh Downs on third down for an 8-yard score.



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-2512-EU-000090

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)
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Though you may be tempted to engage in something, waiting until tomorrow will give you much better odds. Today is another below-zero day; anything that pops up should be thoroughly checked out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Avoiding a financial wrangle is just smart today, and the truth is likely buried in a bog somewhere. Even by tomorrow, chances are better of unearthing clarity. Connect gently with someone close.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

An unnecessary misunderstanding could blow up in a partnership caused by today's stars — sidestep if possible, de-escalate, or table it for tomorrow or after. Be patient with long-running challenge cycles, they eventually improve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

An outside-of-the-box solution could arise but will get more traction under tomorrow's sunshine stars than in today's below-zero fog. Allow yourself some self-expression if you can make the time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your creativity could be off the charts today, but the deceptive arts are also juiced; wait until tomorrow or later for anything important. Rest under poor stars to recharge batteries, you'll make easier progress tomorrow anyway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Hold that thought — today doesn't line up for sharing from the heart for multiple reasons. It could be a great day for holiday creativity but not for a project with a high fail rate, stick to safer projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Tether words to facts, too much hyperbole can undermine credibility over the long term. Build up your security from within — it comes from inner regulation, not from people, achievements, or possessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today's poor stars could increase feelings of vulnerability, anchor into inner work and quality inspiration — there can be a genuine exchange between creators and followers. Remind yourself of every small blessing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don't let your twinkle make a promise you don't plan to keep. An imaginative healing or remediation method could arise. New energy over the next little bit can expand finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Hold yourself accountable, it's a key way to build inner strength. Discard what you want to believe and adhere to what's real. Integrity is the cleanest feeling in the world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A friend's story may need to be taken with a big grain of salt, but throwing down a challenge to their tale won't improve matters, today anyway. Additional resources are on their way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

If it seems suss, it might be. Today's combo of overall darkness in the sky with wonky, unrealistic energy could deliver a doozy. Even by tomorrow, much should be clearer, and better stars promote better outcomes.

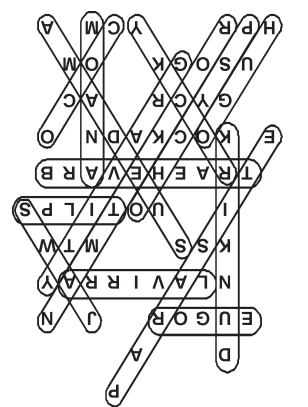
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Dioubate powers Kentucky past Indiana in renewed rivalry

BY COLE PARKE
THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON — Kentucky men's basketball renewed its rivalry with Indiana inside Rupp Arena, winning 72-60 for its first win over a Quadrant-I opponent thus far this season.

The win Saturday came on the back of an 8-0 scoring run in the second half that gave UK a lead it would not surrender. Kentucky forced four Indiana turnovers during that scoring run to take the lead 50-49.

Former Alabama transfer Mouhamed Dioubate was a big part of that run, making his return to the court for the first time since UK's loss to Michigan State in Madison Square Garden. Not only did Dioubate finish with a team-leading 14 points, he also grabbed seven offensive rebounds for 12 total rebounds, which also led



DARRELL BIRD/The Cats' Pause

Brandon Garrison celebrates a dunk Saturday during Kentucky's win over Indiana at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

the Cats and gave him a double-double.

"Today's Mo's birthday," Kentucky Head Coach Mark Pope said. "This was a game perfectly suited (for him).

He was a lead on the defensive end. His physicality, and doing it (legally) was elite. He was great on the glass. It was awesome to have him back."

While that run would come to an end, it would be followed by another, with both fitting into a larger 22-5 Wildcat run that kept the contest out of reach for the Hoosiers.

Despite winning the game, Kentucky would finish with just three made 3-pointers and go 25-38 from the free-throw line as, apart from the run, it was a struggle of an offensive game for Mark Pope's Cats.

In the first half, Kentucky finished just 9-28 (32.1%) from the field and 1-9 from beyond the arch, missing eight free throws as well. The lone deep ball came from Kam Williams.

"We're tight," Pope said. "We only shot 15 threes today and we're 3-15. We're tight. It's a part of basketball. We all get scared, we all get nervous, let's own it and grow from it. We're a little tight right now, but we're gonna get great, man. We will will ourselves into

playing some great basketball."

By the end of the night, however, Kentucky would be a bit improved, going 37.9% from the field and making two more 3-pointers from Otega Oweh and Denzel Aberdeen.

Oweh himself would also have a strong showing in the game as a whole, finishing with 10 points and four rebounds.

The game also saw a proper resurgence from point guard Jaland Lowe, who would go off late in the game for a total of 13 points and two assists with no turnovers.

"J-Lowe certainly helps us," Pope said. "I thought he was great today. I thought our guys were extraordinary in the gap, we talk about winning the gap all the time. Once he gets his rhythm back and makes some of those bunnies, he would (be) really impactful."

Big man Brandon Gar-

ri-son also would have a notable night, just one game removed from being benched against NC Central. In his 20 minutes on the floor, Garrison would score six points and grab five rebounds, several coming in big spots. He would also finish with just two turnovers.

The contest saw a plethora of fouls be called throughout the night for both teams, but Indiana found itself in foul trouble far more than the Wildcats. By the end of the night, Tucker DeVries would foul out with the Hoosiers having 24 total fouls and the game having 42.

Interestingly, Kentucky's Andrija Jelavic earned a healthy 'DNP' for the game, not seeing the floor.

Kentucky will have a week off before returning to action Saturday from State Farm Arena in Atlanta against No. 22 St. John's, led by former UK coach Rick Pitino (TV: Live on CBS at 12:30 p.m.).



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